GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

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AFFORESTATION PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Afforestation projects currently under progress, their estimated budget and the target, State-wise;

(b) whether the Government have undertaken any new projects under centrally sponsored schemes as well as externally assisted projects to improve forest cover in the country;

(c) if so, the details of the projects which are to be undertaken, State-wise;

(d) the steps taken by the Government to stop the extensive deforestation in various States of the country; and

(e) the present status of forest cover in Tamil Nadu and the details of the current afforestation projects as well as future projects to be undertaken in Tamil Nadu?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BABU LAL MARANDI)

(a) to (e) Afforestation projects are sanctioned to State Governments under the centrally sponsored schemes of the Ministry of Environment and Forests. Details for the Ninth Plan, state-wise, in respect of major afforestation schemes of the Ministry of Environment and Forests are given in Annexure I. These include projects sanctioned in 2000-01 for coastal shelterbelt plantations (under the Integrated Afforestation and Eco-Development Projects Scheme) and for raising medicinal plants/bambooplantations (under the Conservation and Development of Non-Timber Forest Produce including Medicinal Plants Scheme). Details of ongoing externally aided integrated forestry projects are given in Annexure II. No new externally aided projects have been sanctioned in 2000-01. Major steps taken to arrest deforestation are given in Annexure III. Status of forest cover in Tamil Nadu is given in Annexure IV. Sanction of future projects to Tamil Nadu is dependent on receipt of appropriate proposals from the State as per the respective schemes' guidelines and availability of funds.

Annexure I in respect of part (a) to (e) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2313 for 7/8/2000 regarding Afforestation Projects.

Statement showing the Ninth Plan Outlays and Physical Targets, State-wise, under major afforestation schemes of the Ministry of Environment and Forests.

Table - I

Outlays in lakh Rs./physical targets in hectares

State	IAEPS		AOFFPS		NTFP		ASTRP	
	Outlay	Phy. Target	Outlay	Phy. Target	Outlay	Phy. Target	Outlay	Phy. Target
Andhra Pr	1142.01	14326	670.55	15479	782.40	9136	64.35	550
Arunachal Pr	303.55	4015	40.16	1120	317.75	3390	85.40	720
Assam	439.74	3500	858.31	16800	205.65	2169		
Bihar	386.82	3200	737.98	10609	134.20	1125	157.66	1200
Goa	0.36	0	38.03	500	101.76	1160		
Gujarat	767.38	5480	1036.94	15365	768.09	4795	99.45	750
Haryana	444.58	2995	1243.74	10875	154.50	925		
Himachal Pr.	344.48	3460	744.62	14015	185.04	1349		
Jammu & K	1642.97	16434	797.81	16110	782.55	6875	98.51	780
Karnataka	874.50	6872	900.62	15567	320.90	2246	132.50	1000
Kerala	1820.60	12332	517.65	6036	108.85	690		
Madhya Pradesh	2074.01	22405	2772.6	61125	675.52	5175	219.37	1650
Maharashtra	1150.58	10235	492.23	8488	620.86	6280	148.29	1100
Manipur	1699.64	12363	975.23	14400	298.66	3460	89.21	750
Meghalaya	50.04	500	123.83	3200	104.63	1200		
Mizoram	605.25	4500	854.73	14000	300.65	3100	59.67	500
Nagaland	243.80	3850	77.65	2280	185.10	3047	59.67	500

Orissa	3820.38	44380	565.48	16665	662.40	9000		1720
Punjab	519.74	3270	1204.13	16222	158.75	1075		
Rajasthan	1807.71	14850	1457.15	23800	706.50	5250	107.64	800
Sikkim	796.13	7500	346.66	5834	536.48	4500		
Tamil Nadu	405.92	2500	663.56	16300	118.88	1155		
Tripura	408.57	5325	314.51	9461	112.50	1800	48.73	420
Uttar Pradesh	2121.43	15634	1444.36	25844	377.87	4270		
West Bengal	806.96	5400	920.79	15442	337.92	2267	230.56	200
Spill-over work of 8th Plan								
Total	24677.15	225326	19799.32	3555371	9068.49	85531	1601.00	1264

For Orissa and West Bengal

Schemes:

IAEPS : Integrated Afforestation and Eco-Development Projects Scheme
AOFFPS : Area Oriented Fuelwood and Fodder Projects Scheme
NTFP : Conservation and Development of Non-Timber Forest Produce Including Medicinal Plants Scheme
ASTRP : Association of Scheduled Tribes and Rural Poor in Regeneration of Degraded Forests on Usufruct sharing Basis

Projects sanctioned in 2000-01

(i) Coastal Shelterbelt plantation projects under the Integrated Afforestation and Eco-Development Projects Scheme

State	Ninth Plan Outlay (Rs. in lakhs	Physical Target for Ninth Plan (in ha.)
Andhra Pradesh	472.44	2050
Gujarat	477.41	2200
Karnataka	55.58	200
Kerala	408.59	1000
Orissa	1488.51	8000
Pondicherry	87.58	448
Tamil Nadu	265.62	1000
Total	3255.73	14898

(ii) Medicinal Plants and Bamboo Plantation Projects Sanctioned under the Conservation and Development of Non-Timber Forest Produce Including Medicinal Plants Scheme

Medicinal Plant Projects

State	Ninth Plan Outlay (Rs. in lakhs	Physical Target for Ninth Plan (in ha.)

Andhra Pradesh	75.62	500
Maharashtra	73.65	500
Himachal Pradesh	17.24	100
Madhya Pradesh	59.70	325
Rajasthan	78.65	500
Kerala	42.00	200
Sikkim	37.20	200
Goa	27.50	200
Gujarat	77.10	400
Karnataka	76.70	450
Total	565.36	3375

Bamboo Plantation Projects

State	Ninth Plan Outlay (Rs. in lakhs	Physical Target for Ninth Plan (in ha.)
Andhra Pradesh	258.40	4000
Manipur	104.30	1800
Uttar Pradesh	90.50	1600
Goa	16.84	240
Gujarat	119.70	1500
Maharashtra	103.70	1600
Nagaland	148.20	2400
Rajasthan	82.50	1000
Total	924.14	14140

Note: : Figures given above have also been reflected in Table I.

Annexure II in respect of part (a) to (e) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2313 for 7/8/2000 regarding Afforestation Projects.

Statement showing details of ongoing externally aided integrated forestry projects

S.No	Name of the Project	Implementing Agency	Funding agency	Project Cost (Rs. in crores)	Physical Targets (in `000 ha.)
State Sector					
1	Afforestation and Pasture Dev. Along Indira Gandhi Canal (ID -P - 73) 1990-91 to 1999-01	Rajasthan Government	JBIC (JAPAN)	107.50	61.50
2	Himachal Pradesh Forestry Project, Kullu Mandi. 1994-95 to 1999-00 May extend to 2001	H.P. Government	DFID (U.K.)	13.92	11
3	Integrated Forestry Development Project. (ID-P-112) 1995-96 to 2000-01	Gujarat Gujarat Government	JBIC (JAPAN)	608.50	230

4 Rajasthan Forestry Project, (ID-P-104) 1995-96 to 1999-00	Rajasthan Government	JBIC (JAPAN)	139.18	55
5 Tamil Nadu Afforestation Project 1996-97 to 2001-02	Tamil Nadu Government	JBIC (JAPAN)	499.20	405
6 Eastern Karnataka Afforestation Project 1996-97 to 2001-02	Karnataka Government	JBIC (JAPAN)	565.54	471
7 Capacity Building Project for Participatory Management of Forests 1997-98 to 1998-99	Orissa Government	SIDA (SWEDEN)	8.50	19
(Yet to be completed)				
8 Uttar Pradesh Forestry Project 1997-98 to 2000-01	UP Government	WORLD BANK	272.00	160
9 Punjab Afforestation Project 1997-98 to 2004-05	Punjab Government	JBIC (JAPAN)	442.00	59
(Present loan for 4 years)				
10 Kerala Forestry Project 1998-99 to 2001-02	Kerala Government	WORLD BANK	183.00	54
Total	2839.34			
Central Sector				
11 FREEP	MoEF	WORLD BANK	192.47	
12 Eco-Development Project	MoEF	WORLD BANK	294.93	
Grand Total	3326.74			

Annexure III in respect of part (a) to (e) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2313 for 7/8/2000 regarding Afforestation Projects.

Statement showing major steps taken by the Ministry of Environment and Forests to arrest deforestation

Major steps taken

(a) Guidelines have been issued to the State Governmentsfor involving village communities in protection and regeneration of forests under the Joint Forest Management Programme. Joint Forest Management has been made an integral part of the projects sanctioned to State Governments under the major afforestation schemes of the Ministry of Environment and Forests.

(b) Under the provision of the Forest (Conservation) Act 1980, diversion of forest lands for non-forestry purposes is carefully regulated.

(c) Centrally sponsored scheme of "Modern Forest Fire Control Methods" is being implemented for prevention in control of forest fires.

(d) State Governments have been advised to strengthen forest protection machinery.

(e) A network of National Parks and Sanctuaries has been established to conserve flora and fauna/wildlife habitats.

Annexure IV in respect of part (a) to (e) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2313 for 7/8/2000 regarding Afforestation Projects.

Statement status of forest cover in Tamil Nadu (figures given are in sq. km.)

Dense Forests	8,659
Open Forests	8,398
Mangroves	21
Total Forest Cover	17,078
Recorded Forest Area	22,628

+ Note: Based on State of Forest Report 1999, Forest Survey of India.